(c) The Corporation has been continuously making efforts to increase its turnover which include action to:—

reach out to larger domestic common merchandising through sale exhibitions organized all over the country;

start retail outlets through franchise;

expand activities relating to design development, garment production, interior decoration and related activities;

increase publicity of its products in the national and international markets.

Godhra Incident

*49. SHRI JIBON ROY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether he had made a statement published in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 17th June, 2002, under the caption "Godhra not a terrorist act";

(b) if so, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether Government have received investigation report of the Godhra Incident; and

(d) if so, findings of the report ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (d) Government of Gujarat has appointed a Commission of Inquiry under the provisions of Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 consisting of Mr. Justice G.T. Nanawati, Retired Judge of Supreme Court as Chairman and Mr. Justice K.G. Shah, Retired Judge of Gujarat High Court as Member to enquire into the incident of setting on fire some coaches of the Sabarmati Express train near Godhra Railway Station on 27th February, 2002 and subsequent incidents of violence in the State in the aftermath of the Godhra Incident. The actual facts will be known on the availability of the Inquiry report.

Role of Private Banks in Serial Bomb Blasts in Coimbatore

*50. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether investigations have revealed that four private banks in Mumbai has been used as conduit to carry out the serial bomb blasts in Coimbatore in 1998;

(b) if so, the names of the said banks;

(c) the amount deposited/transferred to Tamil Nadu by these banks; and

(d) the persons involved in this nefarious act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Bifurcation of Duties of Delhi Police

*51. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have recently received any report from the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR & D), regarding Delhi Police, as reported in the 'Hindustan Times', dated the 1st July, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken so far on the demand of Delhi Police to split law and order and investigation duties ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO) : (a) and (b) The Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D), which was tasked to make a study of the manpower and modernization requirements of Delhi Police, has in its report made recommendations on various facets of police functioning including norms for setting up of new Police Stations; Crime Investigation (including separation of crime investigation and law and order duties); Traffic Management; Upgradation of training facilities; Augmentation of Security Unit; Modernisation of arms and equipment, etc.

(c) The recommendation relating to separation of crime investigation and law and order duties has been accepted in principle by the Government. The Government is, however, of the view that this functional separation can be achieved if each Police Station is provided with sufficient number of dedicated Investigation Teams which are properly equipped and manned by personnel trained in the field of investigation. The implementation of this recommendation involves creation of substantial number of additional posts and it has, therefore, been decided to implement this recommendation in a phased manner depending upon availability of funds.